

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~. Please add Claims 13-30.

1 (previously amended): A polyamide-based multilayer film comprising at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer,

the at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer comprising a polyamide-based resin, an alcohol-based compound, and a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer,

the polyamide-based multilayer film being highly suitable for boiling and water treatment and retort treatment.

2 (canceled)

3 (currently amended): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer further comprises an inorganic water-absorptive substance.

4 (original): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 1, wherein the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer is prepared by melt-blending a polyamide-based resin with an alcohol-based compound, and then adding a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer.

5 (currently amended): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~claim 1, wherein the polyamide-based resin comprises an aliphatic nylon as a principal ingredient, the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer has an ethylene content of 60 mol% or less, and the degree of saponification of the vinyl acetate moieties is at least 90 mol%.

6 (original): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 1, wherein the polyamide layer is a layer comprising a polyamide and an antioxidant.

7 (original): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 6, wherein the polyamide comprises an aliphatic polyamide as a principal ingredient and the antioxidant is a phenol-based antioxidant.

8 (original): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 7, wherein the phenol-based antioxidant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of 3,9-bis[2-{3-(3-*t*-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propionyloxy}-1,1-dimethylethyl]-2,4,8,10-

tetraoxaspiro[5,5]undecane; 6-[3-(3-*t*-butyl-4-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)propoxy]-2,4,8,10-tetra-*t*-butylbenz[d,f][1,3,2]dioxaphospherin; and pentaerythrityl-tetrakis[3-(3,5-di-*t*-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate].

9 (currently amended): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

10 (currently amended): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~claim 1 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

11 (original): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 10 further comprising an aromatic polyamide layer.

12 (original): A method for producing a polyamide-based multilayer film, the method comprising the steps of:

coextruding a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer (A) prepared by melt-blending a polyamide-based resin with an alcohol-based compound and then adding an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer thereto, together with polyamide layers (B) and (C) each comprising a polyamide and an antioxidant, in the order of (B)/(A)/(C) to form a laminated film; and biaxially stretching the film.

13 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claims 3, wherein the polyamide-based resin comprises an aliphatic nylon as a principal ingredient, the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer has an ethylene content of 60 mol% or less, and the degree of saponification of the vinyl acetate moieties is at least 90 mol%.

14 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 4, wherein the polyamide-based resin comprises an aliphatic nylon as a principal ingredient, the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer has an ethylene content of 60 mol% or less, and the degree of saponification of the vinyl acetate moieties is at least 90 mol%.

15 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 3 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

16 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 4 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

17 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 5 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

18 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 6 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

19 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 7 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

20 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 8 consisting of at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and at least one polyamide layer.

21 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 3 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

22 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 4 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

23 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 5 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

24 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 6 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

25 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 7 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

26 (new): The polyamide-based multilayer film according to claim 8 comprising at least three layers in the order of polyamide layer/saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer/polyamide layer.

27 (new): A polyamide-containing multilayer transparent film comprising:

at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer comprising: (i) a polyamide-based resin which contains nylon-6 as a principal ingredient; (ii) an alcohol-based compound which contains alcoholic OH group, and (iii) a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; and

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at least one polyamide layer laminated on the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer,

said polyamide-based multilayer film having boiling resistance as measured by transparency substantially unchanged for 30 minutes or longer in boiling water at 85°C or for 30 minutes or longer in retort treatment at 121-135°C.

28 (new): The polyamide-containing multilayer transparent film according to claim 27, wherein a weight ratio of the polyamide-based resin to the alcohol-based compound is 99/1 to 60/40.

29 (new): The polyamide-containing multilayer transparent film according to claim 27, wherein the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer and the polyamide layer are laminated by co-extrusion and biaxial stretching.

30 (new): The polyamide-containing multilayer transparent film according to claim 27, wherein the at least one saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer layer is a center layer, and the at least one polyamide layer comprises two layers between which the center layer is sandwiched.